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Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Office of Environmental Analysis
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395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 477X), BNSF Railway Company --
Abandonment of Rail Service Easement Exemption -- In Los Angeles
County, California

Dear Ms. Rutson:

Attached for filing is the letter from the California State Historic Preservation
Officer in the above-referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,


Karl Morell
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Enclosure

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Reply To: STB110502A

John A. Sims, CP
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Fort Worth, TX 76131-2828

Re: Abandonment Exemption of the Milepost 124.20 to 119.35, Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 477X), Los Angeles County, CA

Dear Mr. Sims:

You are initiating consultation on behalf of the STB regarding the above referenced undertaking. BNSF is requesting my assistance in assessing any potential effects of the abandonment action in accordance with 36 C.F.R. 800, regulations and implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

As I presently understand it, the undertaking consists of abandonment of a portion of the BNSF rail line between Milepost 124.20 just east of the Santa Anita Blvd, at-grade crossing in Arcadia, and ending at Milepost 119.35 just east of the San Gabriel River, in Irwindale, approximately 4.85 miles.

BNSF has submitted a copy of the historic properties survey report for the Metro Gold Line Foothills Extension Project because it covers the area determined to be the APE for this project. There were no historic properties identified in the APE and thus BNSF is requesting that I concur with the determination of "No Historic Properties Effectuated" for the undertaking. I concur with the proposed "No Historic Properties Effectuated" finding.

Thank you for considering historic properties in your planning process. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Blosser of my staff at (916) 445-7048 or e-mail at ablosser@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Susan H. Stratton for

Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
State Historic Preservation Officer

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